(d) The joint recommendations of the meeting identified (i) enlargement of scope of goods and services traded; (ii) restoration of transportation and communication links; (iii) liberal visa facility for businessmen; and (iv) making SAARC effective as the major factors for promotion of trade and commerce with Pakistan.

Golden jubilee of CGHS

747. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to celebrate the golden jubilee of the CGHS as it entered 50th year of its existence on the 1st June, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the allocation of funds for the purpose; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken for providing better medical facilities to the beneficiaries, particularly the pensioners served by the dispensaries in the outlying areas of Delhi and outside Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The CGHS was introduced *vide* Ministry of Health's Memorandum dated 1st May, 1954, and has entered into its 50th year of existence on 1st May, 2003.

There is no proposal under consideration of the Government at present for celebrating the golden jubilee of the CGHS.

(b) In view of (a) above, the question does not arise.

(c) It has always been the endeavor of the Government to provide better medical facilities to all the CGHS beneficiaries including pensioner beneficiaries in the cities where CGHS is in operation.

DNB degree

†748. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical students seeking DNB degree for post-graduation after their MBBS will now have to go through the

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